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1. BREZHNEV'S REAPPEARANCE. BREZHNEV'S REAPPEARANCE ON TV AFTER
LONG ABSENCE WAS PLAYED BY SOVIET MEDIA AS COMPLETELY NORMAL EVENT.
EVENING NEWS PROGRAM FOCUSED ON BREZHNEV AT SHORT RANGE IN COVERAGE
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OF OPENING SOVIET-BRITISH TALKS. HE SEEMED IN GOOD FORM AND SPIRITS

AND SMOKED OSTENTATIOUSLY. DAILY PRESS PHOTOS FEATURED BREZHNEV.

2. MIDDLE EAST. IZVESTIYA FEBRUARY 13 CARRIES AN ARTICLE ON THE SECRETARY'S TRIP, REPORTING HIS ARRIVAL IN CAIRO AFTER TALKS "OF THE MOST DIFFICULT CHARACTER" IN JERUSALEM. ARTICLE REPORTS THAT ON THE EVE OF THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN EGYPT, FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY REAFFIRMED THAT EGYPT WILL NOT MAKE A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL AND SAID THAT THE MEPC IS "THE NATURAL PLACE" TO DISCUSS A FULL SETTLEMENT.

3. PRAVDA CARRIES LENGTHY, UNUSUALLY SYMPATHETIC ARTICLE ON JORDAN BY MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT OREKHOV. ARTICLE CITES KING HUSSEIN AS SUPPORTING ANY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL PROVIDING IT IS A PART OF ISRAEL'S TOTAL EVACUATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. OREKHOV REPORTS IN ADDITION THAT IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE KING, HUSSEIN CALLED ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO RETURN THE ARAB TERRITORIES AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE A SITUATION OF "NO WAR, NO PEACE." OREKHOV ALSO MAINTAINS THAT MANY OF HIS INTERLOCUTORS IN AMMAN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFORTS OF ISRAEL AND ITS BACKERS (READ U.S.) TO DIVIDE THE ARABS. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WILL VISIT JORDAN IN MARCH.

4. U.S. COVERAGE OF U.S. FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOCUSES HEAVILY ON THE U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS PIECE POSITIVELY PORTRAYING THE JOINT EFFORTS OF U.S. AND SOVIET SPACE SPECIALISTS TO PREPARE FOR THE APOLLO-SOYUZ PROJECT. PRAVDA ALSO ANNOUNCES THE CONCLUSION IN VIENNA OF THE SALT STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION SESSION. MEETINGS OF ASSISTANT TREASURY SECRETARY PARSKY WITH SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KURMIN AND GOSBANK CHAIRMAN ARE NOTED PROMINENTLY. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, IZVESTIYA CARRIES A CARTOON SHOWING A PERUVIAN PATRIOT DEALING A SHARP BLOW TO A COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY BEING PUSHED FORWARD BY TWO HANDS LABELED "CIA".

5. COVERAGE OF THE U.S. DOMESTIC SCENE IS ALMOST WHOLLY NEGATIVE. MAJOR ARTICLES IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA (IZVESTIYA ARTICLE SNIDELY ENTITLED "VOICE OF AMERICA") FURTHER HEIGHTEN NEGATIVE PICTURE OF U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT. WASHINGTON-DATED TASS ARTICLE FOCUSES ON PRESIDENT'S PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS, REPORTING THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTED TO FREEZE THE PRESIDENT'S POWER TO INCREASE IMPORT DUTIES ON PETROLEUM. FROM NEW YORK PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT KURDYUMOV REPORTS THAT A NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE STUDY HAS CONCLUDED THAT U.S. WILL BE UNABLE TO REACH ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT AMERICA WILL FACE MAJOR RESOURCE SHORTAGE WITHIN 50 YEARS.

6. A LENGTHY PRAVDA ARTICLE ON THE NATIONALITIES QUESTION BY

KOMMUNIST DEPUTY EDITOR BAGRAMOV (SEPTTEL) HITS THE PLIGHT OF U.S. BLACKS. BAGRAMOV SAYS MARTIN LUTHER KING GAVE HIS LIFE FOR VOICING ALOUD THE AMERICAN DREAM THAT MAN SHOULD BE JUDGED BY HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES AND NOT HIS SKIN COLOR. THIS IDEAL, BAGRAMOV CONCLUDES, IS STILL UNATTAINED AS SEEN BY THE FACT THAT THE BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE U.S. IS TWICE THAT FOR WHITES.

7. CYPRUS-GREECE-TURKEY. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS NO REACTION TO OR COVERAGE OF THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT PROCLAMATION OF A SEPARATE FEDERAL STATE ON CYPRUS. FIRST SOVIET REACTION (TASS ENGLISH WIRE FEBRUARY 14) AVOIDS DIRECT COMMENT BY REPLAYING THE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. RED STAR, AT SAME TIME, CARRIES TWO TASS REPORTS STRESSING THE DEEPENING DIVISION BETWEEN U.S. AND TURKEY.

8. MBFR FREEZE PROPOSAL. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM VIENNA UNVEILING FOR SOVIET READERS THE FREEZE PROPOSAL SURFACED BY THE CZECH DELEGATE IN VIENNA YESTERDAY. CALLING THE CZECH MOVE A PROPOSAL "OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE," TASS SAYS THAT IT'S NOW UP TO THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS WHETHER A NEW IMPULSE CAN BE GIVEN TO THE STALLED TALKS.

9. JAPAN. PRAVDA CARRIES THE TASS ITEM OF JANUARY 13 REPORTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKIY'S DELIVERY OF A BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER MIKI. TASS GIVE NO INFORMATION ON THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE.
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